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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Development & Procurement, DPS/DCI

SUBJECT : Settlement of Contract No. SP-1913

REFERENCE : CHAL-0062 dated 5 May 1958

1. I am returning herewith my concurrence in Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. SP-1913. I feel that all concerned with this matter, notably yourself, deserve the highest commendation for the manner in which this contract was administered and settled.

2. Unless I am greatly misinformed, this is by far the largest single contract we have negotiated and administered through this office. As such, I am anxious that Colonel L. K. White (DD/S) be aware of the settlement of this contract. I do not want the action with the company to be delayed, not only because I believe in reasonable expedition but also because I have the full responsibility for this action and in no way desire my responsibility to be diluted by consultation with the DD/S in advance of the event. I suggest, therefore, that you proceed to execute the Amendment but that you draft a brief memorandum to be sent to Colonel White upon his return explaining that because of the size and importance of this contract I believe he should see the Negotiator's memorandum (SAPC-26694) so that he will be aware both of the specific circumstances of this case and of the general policy we are following with respect to contract settlement.

3. I am inclined to believe that [REDACTED] should also have an opportunity to see the Negotiator's memorandum if Colonel White feels that it will be of interest to him. Accordingly, I suggest that your memorandum to Colonel White indicates my willingness to have this document sent to Mr. [REDACTED] for information and comment.

4. Would you let me know if the above suggested procedure is to your liking.

(sg) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

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